



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED VALLEY REGION BLYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION RESEDA, CALIFORNIA

**Public Comment Period: September 8, 2008, to September 22, 2008**

#### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition site. This workplan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 543 cubic yards (815 tons) of soil from the site. The site is 1.3 acres in size and is located on the existing Blythe Elementary School. The proposed addition is bordered by Blythe Elementary School to the north and east, residences to the west, and by John R. Wooden Continuation High School to the south in Reseda. During site environmental investigations, concentrations of arsenic exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites were detected in shallow soils at five locations. Therefore, DTSC recommended that LAUSD remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed, the removal's short duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a fifteen (15) day public comment period that starts on September 8, 2008, and ends on September 22, 2008.

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ivy Guano, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **September 22, 2008**.

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the West Valley Regional Library, 19036 Vanowen Street, Reseda; Blythe Elementary School, 18730 Blythe Street, Reseda; Reseda Elementary School, 7265 Amigo Avenue, Reseda, CA; LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 1055 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment. For more information about DTSC, please visit our website at [www.envirostor.gov](http://www.envirostor.gov).

#### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov); or Ivy Guano, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5433 or email: [iguano@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:iguano@dtsc.ca.gov). Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: [jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov). For information on DTSC, visit our web site: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

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